

House File 437 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act requiring the boards of directors of school districts to
2 appoint student liaisons to the boards.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 279.3, Code 2023, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **279.3 Appointment of secretary and treasurer — student**
4 **liaison.**

5 1. a. The board shall appoint a secretary who shall not be
6 a teacher employed by the board but may be another employee of
7 the board. The board shall also appoint a treasurer who may be
8 another employee of the board. However, the board may appoint
9 one person to serve as the secretary and the treasurer.

10 ~~2.~~ b. These officers shall be appointed from outside the
11 membership of the board and the appointment and qualification
12 shall be entered of record in the minutes of the secretary.
13 They shall qualify within ten days following appointment by
14 taking the oath of office in the manner required by section
15 277.28 and filing a bond as required by [section 291.2](#) and shall
16 hold office until their successors are appointed and qualified.

17 2. The board shall select at least one student to act as
18 a liaison between the board, administrators, teachers, the
19 student council, and the general student population. The
20 board shall develop and implement an application and selection
21 process for the position of student liaison to the board.
22 The student liaison shall have a seat at the table of all
23 board meetings and board subcommittee meetings in a nonvoting
24 capacity, and shall have access to all nonconfidential
25 board meeting materials. The student liaison may advocate
26 for student interests in board meetings, provide school
27 administrators and board members with student viewpoints,
28 assist in developing and monitoring the implementation of
29 education policy, and volunteer to perform other functions of
30 benefit to the students and the district that the board deems
31 appropriate for a student to carry out.

32 EXPLANATION

33 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
34 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

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2 between the board, administrators, teachers, the student
3 council, and the general student population. The student
4 liaison must have a seat at the table of all board meetings
5 and board subcommittee meetings in a nonvoting capacity; and
6 have access to all nonconfidential board meeting materials.
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8 selection process. The student liaison may perform functions
9 of benefit to the students and the district that the board
10 deems appropriate for a student to carry out.